

REMARKS

This Amendment is being filed in response to a Final Office Action dated April 6, 2006.

Claims 6-28 are pending. Claims 7-9, 12-14, and 25-26 are being canceled. Claims 1-5 and 29-31 were previously canceled. Claims 6, 11, and 15 are being amended. Claims 32-36 are being added. Upon entry of this amendment, claims 6, 10, 11, 15-24, 27, 28, and 32-35 will be pending. No new matter is being introduced.

With regard to the objection of claims 7 and 8 as being dependent on a rejected base claim but allowable if rewritten in independent form, Applicants have amended claim 6 to include the limitations of objected to claim 7 and added new claim 32 to include the limitations of claim 6 and objected to claim 8. Accordingly, independent claims 6 and 32 should now be in condition for allowance. Claims 10 and 33, which depend from independent claims 6 and 32, respectively, should be allowable for at least the same reasons.

With regard to the objection of claims 12 and 13 as being dependent on a rejected base claim but allowable if rewritten in independent form, Applicants have amended claim 11 to include the limitations of objected to claim 12 and added claim 34 to include the limitations of claim 11 and objected to claim 13. Accordingly, independent claims 11 and 34 should now be in condition for allowance.

With regard to the objection of claims 20 and 26 as being dependent on a rejected base claim but allowable if rewritten in independent form, Applicants have amended claim 15 to include the limitations of objected to claims 26 and 25 and added new independent claim 35 to include the limitations of claim 15 and objected to claims 20 and 19. Accordingly, independent claims 15 and 35 should now be in condition for allowance. Claims 16-24, which depend from independent claim 15, should be allowable for at least the same reasons.

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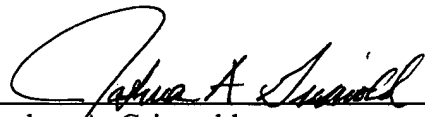
CONCLUSION

In view of the above, it is believed that the application is in order for allowance. Should the Examiner have any further questions or comments, the Examiner is invited to call the Applicants' representative at the phone number provided below.

A \$100 check for excess claim fees is enclosed. No other fees are believed due. However, please apply any deficiencies or any other required fees or any credits to deposit account 06-1050, referencing the attorney docket number shown above.

Respectfully submitted,

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